

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON POPULATION

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have constituted a National Commission on Population;
- (b) if so, the date on which the said Commission had been constituted and the details of meetings of the said Commission held so far;
- (c) whether certain decisions have been taken in the said meetings;
- (d) if so, details thereof alongwith the actions proposed to be taken to implement the said decisions;
- (e) whether the meeting of the National Commission on population was recently held in New Delhi; and
- (f) if so, the main decision taken therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Commission on Population was constituted on 11th May, 2000. The first meeting of the Commission was held on 22nd July, 2000 under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister.

(c) & (d) Some key decisions/announcements at the meeting were:

(i) Setting up a National Population Stabilisation Fund with a seed money of Rs.100 crore to support projects contributing to population stabilisation. It is expected that trade, industry, corporate sector as also individuals will contribute to this fund.

(ii) Setting up an Empowered Action Group for area specific programmes with special emphasis on States that have been lagging behind in containing population growth.

(iii) The National Commission on Population will constitute Working Group on the following subjects:

Unmet needs for contraception, maternal and child health

Unmet needs of other social sector like health, women's development, nutrition, water supply & sanitation.

Primary and Secondary Education in relation to population stabilisation.

Registration of births, deaths and marriages.

Media for IEC and motivation.

Mainstreaming of Indian Systems of Medicines and Homeopathy.

Adolescents.

Mechanism for monitoring by the Commission.

Involvement of civil society, including industry, labour and NGOs.

(e) & (f) No further meeting of the National Commission on Population has been held.